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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 3985

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SUBJECT: TENSION ON GREEN LINE IN NICOSIA

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1. AT PAPHOS GATE ON WEST END OF GREEN LINE IN OLD CITY
NICOSIA UNFICYP BEGAN CONSTRUCTING DECEMBER 16 AN OBSERVATION
POST ELEVATED 16 FEET IN RESPONSE TO COVERED OBSERVATION POST
THE TURKS HAVE CONSTRUCTED AT APPROXIMATELY THAT HEIGHT ON
NEARBY BASTION OF OLD CITY WALL. TURKS IN TURN APPEAR TO BE
RESPONDING TO GREEK CYPRIOT INNOVATIONS ON EAST SIDE OF
OLD CITY WHERE IN RECENT DAYS GREEK NATIONAL GUARD HAS CON-
STRUCTED A CEMENT BRICK FORWARD OBSERVATION POST.
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2. UNFICYP REQUESTED CITY POLICE TO DIVERT TRAFFIC FROM
WEST WALL AREA DURING RUSH HOUR MORNING OF DECEMBER 16,
THUS CAUSING UNUSUAL TRAFFIC JAMS AND WIDELY PUBLICIZ-
ING TENSION ON GREEN LINE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST GREEN LINE INCIDENT IN OR NEAR
OLD CITY NICOSIA IN RECENT MONTHS. UN SOURCES INDICATE
THAT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE ISSUES AT LOCAL LEVELS HAVE
FAILED AND MATTER IS NOW BEING DISCUSSED AT CHIEF OF
STAFF LEVEL. WE DO NOT FORESEE THIS INCIDENT ESCALATING
INTO MAJOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNFICYP AND TURKISH
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